

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 22, 23 and 27 have been amended. Claims 1-23 and 27 are presented for examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response To Rejections Under Section 112, first paragraph:

Claims 1-12, 22, 23 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the rejections.

Response To Rejections Under Section 112, second paragraph:

Claims 1-2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the rejections.

Response To Rejections Under Section 103:

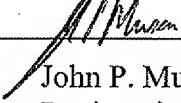
Claims 5 and 13-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Applicants have amended the rejected claims to overcome the Examiner's Section 103 rejections.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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